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Concise Notes on Aqeedah At Tahaawiyyah – Part 5

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At Ta'leeqat Al Mukhtasirah Alaa Matn Aqeedah At Tahaawiyyah

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12. (He is) Al Qayoom who never sleeps.

Al Qayoom: One who is Self-Sustaining and He sustains other than Himself. He is Self-Sustaining, so He is in need of nothing, and He sustains other than Himself, so everything is dependent upon Him and in need of His the Glorious and Most High sustenance. So if it was not for the sustenance that Allaah gave to the skies and the earth and the creation, they would have been destroyed and perished, but Allaah sustains them, and protects them, and aids them with what is suitable.

So all of the creation is in need of Him; "*Verily! Allaah grasps the heavens and the earth lest they move away from their places, and if they were to move away from their places, there is not one that could grasp them after Him.*" [Soorah Faatir: 35].

13. (He is the) Creator with no need (of the creation); the Provider without effort.

It is He who created the creation and He has no need of them, but rather He created them for His worship; *"And I (Allaah) created not the Jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone)."* (Soorah adh-Dhariyat 51:56). So He did not create them because He was in need of them so that they may help Him or aid Him or support Him the Glorious, or that they protect Him. Rather He created them for His worship, and they (i.e. the creation) are in need of worship so that they are connected to Allaah, and linked to their Lord. So worship is a link between the slave and his Lord, and it brings him closer to Allaah, and through it reward is attained from Allaah. So worship is a necessity of the creation and not a need of Allaah, *"If you disbelieve, you and all on earth together, then verily! Allaah is Rich (Free of all wants), Owner of all Praise."* (Soorah Ibrahim:8). *"If you disbelieve, then verily, Allaah is not in need of you."* (Soorah az-Zumar: 7).

And his statement, "The Provider without effort": He gives sustenance to His slaves and that does not decrease Him in anything.

14. The Giver of Death with no fear.

He gives death to the living when their appointed time has come, not because He is fearful of them, but rather that is because of His the Glorious and Most High wisdom. Life in this world has an end, but as for life in the next world, then it has no end. So He takes their lives not because He is fearful of them or so that He may have a break from them, and if they disbelieve in Him, then that does not cause Him harm, but rather they harm themselves, but He becomes happy with their Tawbah (repentance), because He loves for them and wants for them good. So he becomes happy with their Tawbah and He is in no need of them. That is from His gentleness and kindness.

15. He restores to life without difficulty.

This is from the A'jaaib (wonders) of His Qudrah (capacity). He causes the creation to die and perish until they vanish and become dirt and rubble, so much so, that the Jaahil (ignorant one) says that it is impossible that he will return, but Allaah restores him from the beginning and brings back their creation all over again, and He has no difficulties in this, as He the Glorious and Most High says, *"The creation of you all and the resurrection of you all are only as (the creation and resurrection of) a single person."* (Soorah Luqman: 28). *"And He it is Who originates the creation, then will repeat it (after it has been perished), and this is easier for Him. His is the highest description in the heavens and in the earth. And He is the All Mighty, the All Wise."* (Soorah Ar-Rum 30:27).

The Mushrikoon deny the resseruction, thinking it to be impossible, as Allaah has mentioned regarding them, *"Who will give life to these bones when they have rotted away and became dust?"* (Soorah Ya-Sin: 78). And He the Glorious and Most High says, *"Say: He will give life to them Who created them for the first time!"* (Ya-Sin 36:79).

The first time (they were created), they were non-existent, so He brought them about from nothing. So the One who created them from nothing, is not conceivable that He brings them about once again? This is how it is with those that have intelects, and if not, then Allaah cannot be comprehended by His creation, but this was just to give an example; *"His is the highest description."* (Soorah Ar-Rum: 27).

This is a refutation upon the disbeliever. He the Most High says, *"...and forgets his own creation."* (Soorah Ya-Sin: 78). He (i.e. mankind) forgets

that in the beginning he was nothing and did not exist. *"Has there not been over man a period of time, when he was nothing to be mentioned?"* (Soorah al Insaan: 1). He forgets that Allaah brought him about from nothing.

So He will gather these divided bones and this tattered flesh and this dirt that separated and these scattered hairs, and return them as they once were. *"And among His Signs is that the heaven and the earth stand by His Command, then afterwards when He will call you by single call, behold, you will come out from the earth."* (Soorah ar Rum: 25). *"And the Trumpet will be blown, and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth will swoon away, except him whom Allaah wills. Then it will blown a second time and behold, they will be standing, looking on (waiting)."* (Soorah az Zumar: 68). So the first blowing of the trumpet will be one of astonishment and death and the second blowing will be one of resurrection.

"And the Trumpet will be blown (i.e. the second blowing) and behold! From the graves they will come out quickly to their Lord." (Soorah Ya-Sin: 51).

So Allaah is capable of all things, and this is a refutation on the disbelievers who take Allaah to be incapable of bringing the dead back to life and to returning them as they once were.

He the Most high says, *"Does man (a disbeliever) think that We shall not assemble his bones? Yes, We are Able to put together in perfect order the tips of his fingers."* (Soorah al Qiyamah: 3-4). *"The Day when they will come out of the graves quickly as racing to a goal."* (Soorah al Ma'aarij: 43).

This is the Qudrah (capacity) of Allaah and His will and desire. There is nothing that He is incapable of, but many from the creation compare Allaah to the creation so they think Allaah to be incapable of resurrection, because in their eyes it incomprehensible, and they do not look at the capabilities of Allaah, and they do not reckon Allaah to have His true capabilities, and this stems from ignorance regarding Allaah.